

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Human Trafficking in the State of Idaho is an ongoing criminal enterprise. Currently, law enforcement and prosecutors lack legislation that allows effective enforcement against human traffickers. This legislation offers solutions and clarifications in code that will better allow the prevention of human trafficking in Idaho. Other states have the same or similar definitions used in this bill. This legislation defines commercial sexual activity, coercion, financial harm, labor, services, and sexually explicit performance. This law provides Criminal Sanctions (felony) for persons engaged in Sex Trafficking. It further provides Law Enforcement Agencies the ability to receive necessary training which will help them to better identify victims of Human Sex Trafficking.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact to the General Fund except where the Idaho State Police choose to investigate additional human trafficking crimes. Local law enforcement agencies may have additional costs for more investigations. The costs are not discernible at this time and will vary between agencies.

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